

**MINUTES
MAULDIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 17, 2011
7:00 PM**

Members present were Mayor Don Godbey, Council members Dale Black, Gabe Hunter, Bob Cook, James Kennedy, and Michael Reynolds. Councilwoman Gettys was out of town with a family situation. John Duggan, City Attorney and Trey Eubanks, City Administrator were also present.

1. Call to order.- Mayor Godbey
 - a. Invocation- Councilman Hunter
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Kennedy
 - c. Welcome- Mayor Godbey

2. Proclamations and Presentations- Pat Pomeroy, Mauldin Chamber; George McLeer, Mauldin Cultural Center; Dyslexia proclamation; Planning month proclamation

Pat Pomeroy reported on the events at the chamber. There are several business after hours scheduled. The Christmas Parade will be Sunday, November 27th and please let the chamber know if council members will need a car.

George McLeer reported the auditorium is complete. The alumni event is November 5th. The season for 2012 will be announced in November. There will be some great concerts and theatre, as well as new classes.

Mayor Godbey read the dyslexia proclamation and Councilman Hunter read the planning proclamation.

3. Reading and approval of minutes.- September 19, 2011
Councilman Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Black seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

4. Public Comment.- None

5. Report from City Administrator

Trey reported on the landscaping that is continuing at the cultural center. Some slides were shown of the work.

The employee benefit fair is tomorrow. Flu shots and cholesterol screening as well as Mauldin benefit information will be given at the fair.

RFPs for the city center are due on November 7th. An open house will be held on November 7th to allow the public to come in and look at the new auditorium and grounds.

Health insurance renewal will be coming up soon. Meetings will be started with staff, Ferguson Benefit, and Councilman Gabe Hunter.

6. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Fire (Chairman Black)

i. Reports and Communications from Fire Chief

Chief Sapp showed some slides of the progress on the new fire station.

The fire prevention carnival went well.

Councilman Reynolds asked about the new fire hydrants for ISO. Chief Sapp said mapping is being done to show where the new hydrants are and the coverage. ISO will send information and ask if we have changed anything. We will note the new station and new hydrants and they will make the decision on whether they need to come in and inspect.

b. Police (Chairman Cook)

i. Reports and Communications from Police Chief.

ii. Reports and Communications from Municipal Clerk of Court /

Administrative Judge- the report is on file

Chief Turner reported on the CALEA process. The assessors are here and were present at the council meeting. Virgil Young, an assessor, was invited to speak and he said how impressed he and his fellow assessor have been with the police department and the city as a whole and how well the accreditation process is going. A public information session will

be held Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. There is a police sub-station at the new fire station.

Councilman Reynolds asked for some statistical information from the judicial department as well as some charts and graphs.

c. Public Works (Chairman Kennedy)

i. Reports and Communications from PW Director

Greg Fincher reported on the several projects that the department is working on. Leaves are starting to fall and it will soon be time to put up Christmas lights.

d. Finance and Policy (Chairman Reynolds)

i. Reports and Communication from Finance Director

Holly Abercrombie said the auditors are here now.

e. Planning and Economic Development (Chairman Hunter)

i. Reports and Communications from Building and Zoning Director.

Single-family construction is at 7.6%, a vast improvement over this month last year.

f. Recreation (Chairwoman Gettys)

i. Reports and Communications from Recreation Director

3000 seniors are participating in programs at the center. New classes are starting up. Fall baseball and football are closing. The young cheerleaders went to their first completion and placed 4th. Zumba is continuing to raise money for local charities.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Consideration and action on rezoning of 307 Murray Drive from C2 to RM (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this ordinance on second reading. Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

8. New Business

a. Consideration and action on entranceway sign plan (PEDC)

This is a plan to put more entranceway signs up so that people will recognize they are in Mauldin.

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this plan with Councilman Reynolds seconding. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- b. Consideration and action on Zoning ordinance amendment- gas station canopies (PEDC)

Chairman Hunter made a motion to accept this ordinance on first reading with Councilman Cook seconding. Councilman Reynolds asked if the wording should be changed to fuel instead of gas, so that there won't be a loophole for other types of fuel. John Duggan will look into this. The vote was unanimous (6-0).

- c. Consideration and action on three new cultural center board member appointments (Rec)
Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the appointments of Mihaela Joyner, Tony Seawell, and Rob Valerio to the board. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

- d. Two alcohol requests for cultural center events (Rec)

Councilman Cook made a motion to accept both resolutions for service of alcohol at events on November 5th and 7th. Councilman Black asked if a police officer would be present. Trey answered yes. Councilman Hunter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

- e. Cultural Center memorandum of understanding (Rec)

Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the new memorandum of understanding with the cultural center. Councilman Reynolds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (6-0).

9. Public Comment.- None

10. Council requests.

11. Adjournment.- Mayor Godbey adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk